

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 10-17 and 20-21 remain in the application. Allowability of claims 4 (now presented as claim 1), 9 (now presented as claim 7), 13, 19 (now presented as claim 14) and 21 is noted. Claims 3-4, 8-9, and 18-19 are cancelled. Claims 1, 7 and 14 are amended to incorporate the limitations of the allowable claims that depend from them.

A. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102.

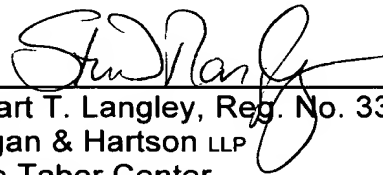
The rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 are rendered moot by the amendments.

B. Conclusion.

In view of all of the above, the claims are now believed to be allowable and the case in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

This response is filed together with a request for extension of time and the required fee of \$60. Any fee deficiency associated with this submittal may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1123.

Respectfully submitted,



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